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Dear All

at last week's meeting I was asked to circulate any relevant papers for the leadership election.

Please find attached:

- 1. the current draft for the NEC of the timetable for the election of the leader and deputy leader
- 2. the procedural overview for the election, to be put to the NEC
- 3. the Candidates' Code of Conduct

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The first two documents are confidential and we have not seen them.

I was also asked to draw up a list of questions, to guide the discussion:

- do we want a 'contest' or a 'coronation'? (presumption: no contest)

- in the absence of a challenger, do we still want to campaign in the country while the deputy leadership election takes place? (presumption: yes)
- do we want that period to be 6 weeks or 7 weeks? (presumption: shorter is better)
- do we want to become leader when nominations close, or at the meeting of the electoral college when the deputy leader is announced? (presumption: at the special conference)
- do we want the deputy leadership election to take place at the same time? (presumption: impossible to change)
- do we have a deputy leadership strategy? (presumption: no)
- how many days a week do we want to be in the country during the leadership election?
- how many big set-piece speeches do we want during the campaign? (Party is planning for 20 visits, five of which as big speeches, the other 15 as Lets Talk events).

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